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THE HAMBURG AND COPENHAGEN APPLE MARKETS

Prices were lower on the Hamburg auction, Tuesday, March 31, than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Barreled apples declined in some instances as much as \$2.00 a barrel. New York Russets, however, made better prices this week than last. In the case of boxed apples the decline amounted to from about 12 cents to 24 cents per box. This recession in price was mainly due to the coming week-end Easter Holidays and a generally less satisfactory condition of the fruit. The offerings were much below those of last Thursday, totaling in terms of boxes, 58,300 against 144,500 boxes last week. The auction supplies amounted to 35,000 boxes, 11,000 baskets and 4,100 barrels against 88,000 boxes, 25,000 baskets and 10,500 barrels last week and 50,000 boxes and 1,000 barrels at this time last year.

At the Copenhagen auction Tuesday, Washington Winesaps sold at higher prices than last week. The demand for Winesaps was good. Oregon Newtowns did not fare so well; inquiry was slow and prices declined somewhat. The Copenhagen prices were on about the same level or slightly higher than those ruling at Hamburg. Washington Winter Nelis pears met with a good demand and prices were on a higher level than those ruling at London.

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